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SUBJECT: RABASA REPLIES TO HUERTA STATEMENT OF JULY 8

REF: SANTIAGO 4005

1. EXCELSIOR TODAY JUXTAPOSED STORIES ON CHILEAN FONMIN HUERTA'S JULY 8 STATEMENT AND ON FONSEC RABASA'S REPLY YESTERDAY, THEREBY BOTH EMPHASIZING THE DETERIORATION IN MEXICAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS AND INCREASING RABASA'S DISCOMFORT.

2. IN WIRE STORY DATELINED SANTIAGO JULY 9, FONMIN HUERTA IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THE DECLARATION OF PRES. ECHEVERRIA" THAT MEXICO CANNOT MAKE SALES OF FERTILIZERS TO CHILE "SEEMS TO ME TO BE OF DOUBTFUL TRUTHFULNESS." HUERTA ALSO REPORTEDLY NOTED THAT RABASA HAD EXPLICITLY BOTH COMMITTED HIMSELF TO IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND "CONFIRMED THAT MEXICO WOULD SELL CHILE ALL OF THE SULFATES AND PHOSPHATES DESIRED". HUERTA WENT ON TO SAY "I CANNOT DOUBT THE WORD OF THE MEXICAN CHANCELLOR."

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3. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS MATTER,

RABASA REPORTEDLY SAID "WE STAND BY WHAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA SAID" AND THAT HE BELIEVED THIS SUBJECT WAS AMPLY COVERED BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SIXTH.

4. COMMENT: RABASA, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY SENSITIVE TO PRESS CRITICISM AND REPORTEDLY HAS CONSIDERED RESIGNING RECENTLY, DOUBTLESSLY FEELS HIGHLY VULNERABLE AS A RESULT OF HIS TRIP TO CHILE. GIVEN ECHEVERRIA'S STATEMENT, RABASA SEEMS TO HAVE LITTLE ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN TO CONSIDER ANY COMMITMENT HE MAY HAVE MADE TO THE GOC INOPERATIVE.

5. TODAY AT THE AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONIES FOR THE PRESIDENT, ECHEVERRIA SEEMED EBULLIENT WHILE RABASA TRAILED IN HIS WAKE IN A MOST SUBDUED MANNER. WE NOTE THAT THE CHILEAN CHARGE DID NOT TURN UP FOR THIS COMMAND PERFORMANCE WHILE EVEN THE MORE LANGUID MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS SHOWED UP.  
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